

What is claimed is:

1. An image forming device comprising:

a main casing including a front surface and a rear surface on opposite sides thereof, one of the front surface and the rear surface being formed with a sheet discharge opening;

an image forming section disposed within the main casing and including:

10 an input reception unit that receives image data from an external source; and

a process unit including:

an electrostatic latent image bearing member;

15 an electrostatic latent image forming unit that forms an electrostatic latent image on the electrostatic latent image bearing member based on the image data received by the input reception unit; and

20 a developing agent supply unit that supplies developing agent to the electrostatic latent image bearing member to develop the electrostatic latent image on the electrostatic latent image bearing member into a visible image using the developing agent;

25 an image reader section disposed above the image

forming section and including:

an image reader that picks up image information from a document; and

an output unit that outputs the image information to an external device;

5 a sheet supply unit that supplies a sheet to the process unit;

a transfer unit that transfers the visible image from the electrostatic latent image bearing member onto the sheet
10 from the sheet supply unit;

a sheet discharge unit that discharges the sheet with the visible image through the discharge opening in the main casing; and

15 a sheet discharge tray provided to the outside of the main casing at a position under the discharge opening, the sheet discharge tray holding the sheet discharged through the discharge opening.

2. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sheet supply unit includes a sheet supply tray disposed below the process unit and further comprising a fixing unit disposed in the main casing above the sheet supply tray, the fixing unit fixing the visible image onto the sheet before the sheet discharge unit discharges the sheet through the discharge opening in the main casing.

25 3. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1,

wherein an access opening is formed in the front surface, the access opening being for removing the developing cartridge by moving the developing cartridge at least one of forward and diagonally upward and forward.

5 4. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sheet supply unit includes a sheet supply tray disposed below the process unit, the sheet supply tray and the sheet discharge tray being disposed in a vertically overlapping condition with each other.

10 5. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image reader section further includes a cover that is pivotably mounted at one edge of the main casing, the one edge of the main casing connecting with, and the sheet discharge opening being formed in, the rear surface of
15 the main casing.

6. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image reader section further includes a document transport mechanism for transporting documents past the image reader in a direction from the rear surface to the front surface of the main casing, the sheet discharge opening being formed in the rear surface of the main casing.
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7. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image reader section further includes a cover that is pivotably mounted at one edge of the main casing,
25 the one edge of the main casing connecting with the rear

surface of the main casing and the sheet discharge opening being formed in the front surface of the main casing.

8. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image reader section further includes a document transport mechanism for transporting documents past the image reader in a direction from the rear surface to the front surface of the main casing, the sheet discharge opening being formed in the front surface of the main casing.
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9. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1,
10 wherein the sheet supply unit includes a sheet supply tray disposed below the process unit, the developing agent supply unit including:

a developing agent cartridge that holds developing agent;

15 a developing agent bearing member that bears developing agent from the developing cartridge and supplies the borne developing agent to the electrostatic latent image bearing member; and

20 a developing cartridge provided integrally with the developing agent cartridge and the developing agent bearing member.

10. The image forming device as claimed in claim 9,
wherein the process unit further includes a process cartridge detachably mounted at a position above the sheet
25 supply tray, the process cartridge including the

electrostatic latent image bearing member and the developing cartridge, the developing cartridge being detachable with respect to the electrostatic latent image bearing member.

11. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1,
5 wherein the sheet supply unit includes a sheet supply tray disposed below the process unit, the developing agent supply unit including:

a developing agent cartridge that holds developing agent; and

10 a developing agent bearing member that bears developing agent from the developing cartridge and supplies the borne developing agent to the electrostatic latent image bearing member;

the process unit further including a process cartridge
15 detachably provided in the main casing, electrostatic latent image bearing member, the developing agent cartridge, and the developing agent bearing member being integrally provided with the process cartridge.

12. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1,
20 wherein the sheet supply unit transports sheets in a transport direction, the image reader section further including a transport unit that transports the document with the image information picked up by the image reader, the transport unit transporting the document in a direction
25 perpendicular to the transport direction of sheets.